

## Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday June 6, 2017

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

House Room 25

**Commission:** Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Sen. Luz Escamilla, Kathy Bounous, Melissa Freigang, Karen Leonardi, and Jennifer Robinson

**Excused:** Rep. Becky Edwards, Sen. Deidre Henderson, Anne Marie Wallace, Judy Barnett, and Anne Burkholder

**Staff Support:** Shelle Allinson

**Attendees:** Erin Jemison

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Welcome	Welcome (Rep. Chavez-Houck)  Formally welcome newest commission member, Karen Leonardi. Karen introduces herself. Karen has been in Healthcare for more than two decades and is currently with Select Health. She is filling the vacancy for a commission member from a corporation with 500 or more employees.  Minutes from the last meeting were approved.	Motion to approve minutes from the last meeting.
Results of Recent Study	Sharon Mastracci, Associate Professor at The University of Utah, did a survey on how women's political representation affects policies for women and children. When women are politically represented it improves policy outcomes for women and families. A recent Center for American Women progress report currently ranked Utah as an F grade for women's representation.	Melissa Freigang would like the commission to look at what we can do to support women in elected positions with their roles. And how to be more involved in women's organizations and help with policy work.  Shelle will distribute the survey materials to commission members.
Sub-committee Updates	Jennifer Robinson reported on the Research Committee. Susan Madsen at UVU will not be able to make the June deadline. Would like to	Meeting next week and will share with the committee what they decide on.

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	<p>push the deadline to the end of the year. The focus group study was released in February. The next step is to get additional funding. Need to decide where to go with that. Also looking at child care issues and finding additional funding for that.</p> <p>Kathy Bounous reported on conversation with Dr. Madsen related to the contract with UVU. \$25k was appropriated for the research project. Typically that needs to be spent within the fiscal year unless you get non-lapsing authority for those funds. Dr. Madsen was concerned about being able to invoice us after the fiscal year. Kathy checked with our finance department and we can piggy back off of DWS' non-lapsing authority so she can continue to invoice and get reimbursed.</p> <p>Rep. Chavez-Houck realized from reading the minutes from the last meeting that they still need to meet with Zions Bank.</p> <p>Public Policy Committee met and had an IGP update. Melissa Freigang reported that 13 counties turned in State plans. The Lt. Governor will look at plans and patterns and identify more counties for IGP issues and what the State plans are in their next commission meeting. Kathy Bounous said the funding is for rural counties and they have been offered a \$15k grant. They have been asked to help find other creative ways to come up with additional funding.</p> <p>Sen. Escamilla presented on SB221 Wage Equity Bill. It is to gather data at this point. Would like the commission to support the bill on collecting the data. May pair up with Sen. Anderegg's Bill.</p> <p>Rep. Chavez-Houck would like Gina Cornia from Utahns Against Hunger to come meet with us in August and present on what they are seeing as a coalition and how they need our help.</p> <p>Communications Committee. Jennifer Robinson</p>	<p>She will get with Sen. Escamilla and find a time to meet with Zions Bank.</p> <p>Would like to have Tracy Gruber come in and present on IGP at the next meeting about what each county is doing and the trends that are starting to show up.</p> <p>Rep. Chavez-Houck would like to find one or two things for the commission to focus on and put our political capital into.</p> <p>Would like this reviewed in our August meeting.</p> <p>Would like the commission to be reaching out to women CEO's and women with economic interests to address issues.</p>

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	<p>reported on the website. Would really like to get ours up and running. It has been sitting there for a year and has not been launched yet. All the data is there. Commissioner Leonardi needs to send bio information to Commissioner Robinson. Rep. Chavez-Houck would like it launched.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn meeting.</p>	<p>The committee would like to find someone to maintain the website. Maybe an intern?</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>